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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 -18. (cancelled)

Claim 19 (new) An adjustable examination table for supporting a patient comprising:

a support table;

a stationary base; and

an adjustable height column, said column capable of supporting said patient when said column is being adjusted, said column comprising:

at least three sleeve sections, said sleeve sections slidably, connected to one another and nestingly arranged within one another, one of said sleeve sections attached to said stationary base, another of said sleeve sections attached to said support table;

at least two longitudinally extending guide rails, said guide rail having oppositely disposed parallel guide surfaces, wherein at least one of said longitudinally extending guide rails is secured to one of each nesting pair of said sleeve sections, said cam followers are rotatably connected to other of said nesting pair of said sleeve sections;

at first pair of oppositely disposed spaced apart cam followers being longitudinally in guiding contact with a respective one of said parallel guide surfaces;

a second pair of oppositely disposed spaced apart cam followers being in longitudinally guiding contact with a respective one of said parallel guide surfaces, said second pair of cam followers latitudinally spaced apart from said first pair of cam followers, said second pair of cam followers providing support for a patient on said support table; and

at least two independently operated actuators for sliding said sleeve sections relative to one another; and

wherein said examination table is capable of supporting said patient.

Claim 20. (new) The table according to claim 19 comprising at least three longitudinally extending guide rails, said guide rail having oppositely disposed parallel guide surfaces, wherein at least one of said longitudinally extending guide rails is secured to one of each nesting pair of said sleeve sections, said cam followers are rotatably connected to other of said nesting pair of said sleeve sections; and

a third pair of oppositely disposed spaced apart cam followers being in longitudinally guiding contact with a respective one of said parallel guide surfaces, said third pair of cam followers

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latitudinally spaced apart from said first pair and said second pair of cam followers, said third pair of cam followers providing support for a patient on said support table.

Claim 21. (new) The table according to claim 19 wherein the height is adjustable to a maximum height of at least 39 inches and a minimum height of at least below 20 inches.